

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2013
6:00 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:10PM

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: This public meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. Notices of this meeting of the Governing Body were sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Councilman Carrick-absent

Mayor: James Kelly

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

A proclamation and plaque were presented by Mayor Kelly to Police Chief Brian Venezio, who is retiring as of April 1, 2013.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 19, 2013 Executive and Public meeting minutes: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou-yes

Councilwoman Zamechansky-abstained

Motion to approve the February 19, 2013 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the March 5, 2013 Executive Session and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator Perkins' Report

We are still dealing with FEMA for reimbursement for Hurricane Sandy. The cost to the Borough is close to \$480,000. The Borough will realize somewhere between \$328,000 and \$340,000.

PSE&G substation upgrade hearing is scheduled for the Joint Land Use Board Meeting tonight. The upgrade will include an increase from 24kb to 69kb, which will hopefully help with some of the power issues we have had in the past.

Dave Helfrich from the DEP conducted a paperwork review and audit as well as job site inspection of the NJEIT Phase II Flood Control project. No irregularities were noted.

The DPW Generator preconstruction meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2013.

The West Shore walking path project award of bid is on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Perkins would like to meet with the Shared Services committee regarding sharing services with other towns.

The Borough has begun to track the cost of snow removal per inch. The last snowfall cost \$1,426.30 per inch. The prior storm cost \$2,092.93 per inch.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Finance

At the last meeting it was reported the municipal tax increase is expected to be \$66.32 per average \$307,000 home. This is the amount anticipated to be adopted at the April meeting.

Shade Tree Commission

Arbor Day is scheduled for April 27th at the arboretum on West Shore Avenue.

- Councilman Hayes

Joint Land Use Board

A meeting is scheduled for tonight.

- Councilman Riquelme

DPW

There were twelve sewer jobs and 312 miles of street swept in February.

Library

A meeting is scheduled for March 27th.

- Councilman Stylianou

5K Run

The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. He thanked Council members Zamechansky, Riquelme and Brophy for their assistance. Mariner's Bank will be contributing \$1,000 as they have in the past eight years. Wells Fargo will be contributing \$500. RAB Performance Recoveries has donated \$500.

Board of Education

Their budget will be presented this Thursday night. It is expected that their increase will be \$116 per household, which is about double the municipal budget increase.

Senior Baseball

John Perkins and attorneys Paster and Shahdanian have each donated \$250 sponsorships to Dumont Senior Baseball.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

The Councilwoman and the Mayor attended the St. Patrick's Day party.

Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Zamechansky attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. They discussed the Street Fair to be held October 26th.

Recreation

Grant money is being used to improve Gina's Field and the Babe Ruth Field.

Little League Opening Day is this Saturday at 10:00AM

The Councilwoman thanked the Mayor and Council who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Fire Department

In February there were 23 alarms and 874 total man hours.

Mayor's Report

No report

Attorney's Report

No report.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#13-74 Approval of Dumont Street Fair to be held October 26, 2013 *

#13-75 Approval of Honiss PTA Off-premise 50/50 Raffle to be drawn April 27, 2013;
ID#109-5-34953; RL#386 *

#13-76 Authorization to Auction to Sell Borough Surplus Items through State Contract T-2581,
Contract #83453, GovDeals Inc. Internet Auctioneering Services *

#13-77 Approval of Dumont Elks Lodge #2593 Club, Inc. Pull Tab Raffle Renewal Application;
ID#109-6-33628, RL#387 *

#13-78 Bills List * Councilman Brophy asked about the bill for O'Neill Contracting. The response was that it was for ventilation of the Police Department.

#13-79 Approval of 2012 Fire Department LOSAP Contribution-\$37,800 *

#13-80 Award of Bid for West Shore Avenue Project to MJ D'Arminio Inc.-\$128,774.20 *
Councilman Stylianou confirmed with the Borough Attorney that due diligence was performed with respect to this contractor.

Councilman Brophy asked if the gazebo part of this contract could be finished by Arbor Day.

#13-81 Approval of Transfer of 2012 Budget Appropriations *

#13-82 Opposing Legislation S2364/A3553-Early Voting in the State of New Jersey *

#13-83 Authorization of Temporary Emergency Appropriation *

#13-84 Authorization of Tax Appeal Settlement with Merritt Associates *

#13-85 Authorization of Tax Appeal Settlement with Stephen Morfesis, et al. *

#13-86 Authorization of Tax Appeal Settlement with West Shore, LLC *

#13-87 Authorization of Tax Appeal Settlement with 124 W. Madison Avenue LLC *

#13-88 Donald Wuertz-Approval as DPW Seasonal Employee-\$10.00 per hour *

Councilwoman Zamechansky asked for clarification whether this was in addition to the other seasonal employees hired. The response was that he was replacing someone.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked if there was only one responsive bidder for the West Shore bid and were they the lowest bid? He asked if bid submissions could be put on the website for public access.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1452 Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Section 5 - traffic and parking of the Dumont code- no person shall park any vehicle on the streets of the Borough between 2:00am and 6:00am from October 15 through April 15.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Councilman Stylianou stated that residents who have multiple cars have concerns about the “no parking” from October 15-April 15 portion of the ordinance.

Mr. Perkins explained that this ordinance brings the area around Sunnyside Avenue in compliance with the rest of the town. The apartment owners have added more than adequate additional parking for the residents.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#1453 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and Establish Cap Bank

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comment: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. William Bergen, 666 Washington Avenue, stated he has been patient about the issue of the permit parking in front of his house. Paramus residents have started a class action lawsuit.

Mayor Kelly told Mr. Bergen that he had emailed him explaining the sign would be

removed but that the ordinance would have to be changed.

Mr. Bergen suggested time restrictions.

2. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, stated that since its introduction the budget has been reduced by \$836,000. He would like to know how the public would be able to have updated information in order to ask questions at the hearing.

The CFO explained that the auditor is preparing the changes to the budget. When the numbers are finalized, the budget will be put on the website.

Mr. Chen asked if Birdsall Services is doing work for the Borough. Seven officials were indicted.

Mr. Perkins responded that they are not.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss Personnel-Police Department; Personnel-Recreation force reduction.

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk